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1. Word has been received in Buenos Aires that Dr. Alexander Kunosi, Czech Minister to Argentina and Bolivia, will represent his country at an Economic Conference to be held soon, and will be away from Argentina for some four months.\*
2. Dr. Kunosi is a Slovak who received his basic education in Bratislava and Prague. Later he studied at the International Law Institute in Paris and at Oxford where he concentrated on economics. During his student years, Dr. Kunosi was Vice President of an International Student Association and Vice President of a World Youth Congress held in Geneva. After finishing his studies and returning to Czechoslovakia, he became Director of the Balkan Section of the National Export Institute in Prague. At the time of the occupation of Czechoslovakia during World War II, he moved to France and then to London, where he held a position in the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Government-in-Exile. Dr. Kunosi has been a member of the Economic Commission of the United Nations and President of the Social Commission of UNRRA, and has had various works published in English, French and Slovak. He speaks all of these languages, and German as well, and has learned Spanish rapidly. Dr. Kunosi is married to a French woman.
3. There is no information to show that Dr. Kunosi is a member of the Communist Party, though he is said to maintain contact with several influential Communists and is friendly with both the Polish and Russian chief representatives in Buenos Aires: Minister Stefan Szumowski and Ambassador Mikhail Sergueev. It is reported, however, that he considers the relationship between his country and Russia a necessary evil, and would rather see it more closely allied with Western Powers.

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Comment: The UN International Conference on Trade and Employment is to be held in Havana, over an indefinite period beginning on 21 November 1947. This may be the Conference which will be attended by Dr. Kunosi.

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